

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on April 2, 2008. Claim 88 is amended. Claims 1-87, 89-91 and 97-130 are cancelled. Claims 88 and 92-96 represent domain name acquisition and management system and method.

2. EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Micah D. Stolowitz (Reg. No. 32,758), the attorney in record, gave authorization for this Examiner's Amendment over the telephone during an interview. The claims amendments are as follow:

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-87, 89-91 and 97-130

1-87 (Cancelled)

88. (Currently amended) A method for domain name management comprising:
identifying a domain name with a first registration;

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identifying an interested party desiring a succeeding registration for the domain name;

monitoring a status of the first registration;

immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration to the interested party as soon as possible after the status of the first registration indicates that the domain name is registrable, without further action by the interested party, so as to effect the succeeding registration of the name to the interested party before any other party can obtain a registration of the name;

wherein said immediately and automatically effecting the succeeding registration includes determining an expected deletion date for the first registration;

defining a time period on or about the expected deletion date for monitoring the status; and

periodically checking the status within the time period so as to detect the domain name status change as soon as possible after it occurs[.], and

wherein said checking includes checking the status at a predefined frequency during the time period, and further including predicting an earliest moment of registrability for the domain name based on the expected deletion date; and

increasing the frequency of said checking, proximate to the predicted earliest moment of registrability.

89-91 (Canceled)

92. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes pinging a registrar.

93. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes substantially contemporaneous pinging of multiple registrars.

94. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes pinging a registry.

95. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication pushed from a registrar.

96. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88, wherein said checking includes receiving a communication from a registry.

97-130 (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 88, 92-96 are allowed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.109 and MPEP 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts in record fail to teach "wherein said checking includes checking the status at a predefined frequency during the time period, and further including predicting an earliest moment of registrability for the domain name based on the expected deletion date; and increasing the frequency of said checking, proximate to the predicted earliest moment of registrability", as recited in independent claim 88.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to El Hadji Sall whose telephone number is (571)272-4010. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm w/ first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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